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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 3

1. NYT (PAGE 1) ROBERT SEMPLE, FROM PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND, REPORTS SOVIET SAILING SHIP (WITH PHOTO ON FRONT PAGE) FIRST TO CROSS LINE AT START OF TALL SHIPS ATLANTIC RACE. ALSO SUN, STAR
 2. NYT (PAGE 1) DAVID SHIPLER REPORTS FROM TBILISI THAT SMOOTH VENEER OF POLITICAL UNANIMITY HAS BEEN CRACKED IN SOVIET GEORGIA RECENTLY BY A SERIES OF FIRES AND BOMBINGS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. ALSO STAR
 3. NYT (PAGE 5) JOHN FINNEY REPORTS PREVIOUSLY SECRET INFO SUPPLIED BY DOD TO SENATOR LEAHY OF VERMONT SHOWS THAT IN LAST 15 YEARS U.S. HAS BUILT TWICE AS MANY LARGE COMBAT SHIPS AS SOVIET UNION.
 4. NYT (OP-ED PAGE) EDITORIAL "CONGRESS IN PRAGUE" CONCLUDES FOLLOWING PARTY CONGRESS TWO KEY FACTS ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE THAT IT REMAINS A COMPLETELY ENSLAVED SOVIET PUPPET, AND ITS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN COAXED INTO PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE BY A RAPID RISE IN LIVING STANDARDS
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FAR BEYOND ANYTHING THE SOVIET PEOPLE CAN EVEN IMAGINE NOW.

5. SUN (PAGE 1) HAL PIPER REPORTS MOSCOW USES SUN POLL TO CONCLUDE "AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORTS" DETENTE AS TASS USES ITEM BUT FOGS UP FACT MANY POLLED ALSO SUPPORT INCREASING MILITARY BUDGET.

6. SUN (PAGE 2) BRIEF AP ITEM FROM BELGRADE REPORTS SOVIET RESUMES AID TO GHANA. ALSO WP

7. WSJ (PAGE 6) GLOBAL REPORT, TWO ITEMS: ONE SAYS IN CONTRAST TO SITUATION YEARS AGO, SINGAPORE TURNS FRIENDLIER TO CHINA AND SOVIETS; SECOND, IN NEW FINNISH-SOVIET DATA CENTER IN HELSINKI, U.S. AND SOVIET COMPUTERS COEXIST PEACEFULLY.

8. STAR (PAGE 8) REPORT FROM NEW YORK SAYS MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT WERE READ AS THOUSANDS GATHERED AT SOLIDARITY RALLY FOR SOVIET JEWS IN PLAZA NEAR U.N. ALSO WP. SISCO

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